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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is being filed under a Certificate of Mailing.

The Applicant note with appreciation the allowance of claims 6-7 and 14-15 if rewritten in independent form.

New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required.

Enclosed please find new corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) and the corresponding notice to the draftsman. The drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are also being sent to BOX MISSING PARTS.

Claims 1-5, 8-13, and 16-19 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by German Patent DE 3630069 to Parhofer et al.

Claims 1-5, 8-13, and 16-19 have been canceled. The rejection under 35 USC §102(b) to claims 1-5, 8-13, and 16-19 is believed to be moot.

Claims 6-7 and 14-15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 6-7 and 14-15 have been rewritten in independent form as suggested by the examiner.

The objection to claims 6-7 and 14-15 as being dependent on a rejected base claim is believed to be overcome.

The removal of the objection to claims 6-7 and 14-15 as being dependent on a rejected base claim is respectfully requested.

New claims 20-31 have been added. These claims are believed to be fully supported by the specification and the drawings. These claims are dependent on the allowable claims

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6-7 and 14-15 and are believed to be allowable over the prior art applied.

For the above-described reasons it is respectfully submitted that the objections to claims 6-7 and 14-15 have been overcome and that new claims 20-31 are currently in condition for allowance. Early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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